GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:505
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2000
GADHIAN INSTITUTE OF STUDIES
SHIVAJI MANE;TUFANI SAROJ

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawnto the news item captioned `Gandhian Forums being Stifled`appearing in the Hindu dated March 4,2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) Whether the grants being given to Gandhian Institute of Sttudies, Varanasi have been stopped by the Government;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) Whether any inquiry has been constituted by Government in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to restore the normal functioning of the Institute urgently?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a) TO (g) OFLOK SABHA STARREDQUESTIONNO.505 FOR 2.5.2000 BY SHRI SHIVAJI MANE AND SHRI TUFANI SAROJ REGARDING GANDHIAN INSTITUTE OF STUDIES, VARANASI.

(a) to (g) Yes, Sir. In respect of some of the matter reported therin, the facts are being ascetained from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Gandhian Institute of Studiess, Varanasi. To the extent information is available with the Ministry, the Government of Uttar Pradesh which also funds the Institute had conducted a special adult of the accounts of the Institute on the directions of honorable High Court of Allahabad. The special aduit revealed serious financial and administrative irregularities. Grants to the Institute were kept in abeyance pending enquiry into allegations of financial irregularities. and other issues. Government of India and Indian Council of Social science research have also enquired into the matter and found certain short comings in academic, financial and administrative matters. Government of Uttar Pradesh has since informed thatan enquiry into violation of various provisions of Societies registration Act of 1860 is also being conducted. In the meanwhile, Government of India has initiated steps for disbursement of salary to the staff of the Institute.